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SUBJECT: PRESS ARTICLE ON 3RD COMMITTEE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH
EQUATES ZIONISM WITH RACISM

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF MICHAEL BERLIN STORY IN NEW YORK POST,

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OCTOBER 15, ARE DRAWN TO YOUR ATTENTION, ARTICLE COVERED

THIRD COMMITTEE DEBATE ON INTRODUCTION OF
RESOLUTION WHICH "DETERMINES THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF
RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

2. BERLIN WROTE "THE SPONSORS - THE 20 ARAB NATIONS, PLUS
CUBA, GUINEA AND AFGHANISTAN - WON A TEST VOTE LAST NIGHT
TO ALLOW THE RESOLUTION TO BE PUT BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY'S
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE
FILING DEADLINE HAD PASSED.

"THE VOTE WAS 75 TO 26, WITH 22 NATIONS ABSTAINING.
BUT THE U.S., ISRAEL AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS FIGHTING
THE ARAB DRIVE TOOK SOME COMFORT FROM THE FACT THAT
MORE THAN HALF OF THE BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS EITHER VOTED
AGAINST THE ARABS, ABSTAINED OR STAYED AWAY DURING THE
VOTING.

"THE AFRICAN-ARABSPLIT TOOK PLACE BECAUSE THE ARABS
HAVE TIED THEIR RESOLUTION TO A PET AFRICAN PROJECT - THE
UN'S DECADE AGAINST RACISM, AND THE WESTERN NATIONS HAVE
WARNED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR
CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE IF ZIONISM IS
LINKED TO IT.

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT
TODAY TO MOVE FORM A ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON
THE ARAB RESOLUTION, AND CLAIMED THAT "MANY AFRICANS ARE
SAYING THEY WOULD JUST AS SOON DO THIS."

"ISRAEL AMBASSADOR CHAIM HERZOG SAID TODAY, "WE
CONSIDER THIS AN ATTACK ON JUDAISM - THE FIRST ORGANIZED
INTERNATIONAL ATTACK ON THE JEWISH RELIGION SINCE THE
MIDDLE AGES. IT IS BLATANT ANTI-SEMITISM.

"EVEN WESTERN OPONENTS OF THE ARAB DRIVE ADMITTED
THAT THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE TO DEFEAT IT TODAY, IN THE
LIGHT OF YESTERDAY'S VOTE PATTERN. YESTERDAY'S VOTE
FOLLOWED A THREE-HOUR PROCEDURAL DEBATE OVER WHETHER
OR NOT THE ARAB RESOLUTION COULD LEGITIMATELY BE PUT
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, AND PROVOKED COMPLAINTS FROM
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WESTERN DIPLOMATS THAT THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CZECH
AMBASSADOR LADISLAV SMID, SHOWED BIAS TOWARD THE ARAB
SIDE.
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